

Statement of Substance of Interview

[0003] Examiner Hoang graciously met with us, the undersigned representatives for the Applicant, on December 9, 2008 at the U.S. Patent Office. Applicant greatly appreciates the Examiner's willingness to meet. Such willingness is invaluable to each of us in our common goal of an expedited prosecution of this patent application.

[0004] During the interview, the representatives for the Applicant discussed how the claims differed from the cited references, namely Rowe and Bladow. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting prosecution, I also proposed several possible clarifying amendments.

[0005] Examiner Hoang was receptive to the proposals, and indicated that she would conduct an updated search upon receiving the formal response.

[0006] Applicant herein amends the claims consistent with the discussion during the interview. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the pending claims are allowable over the cited art of record for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.